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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a customer of the internet provider, Sonic, and am writing to tell you about my support for broadband competition.

After years of using internet providers like AT&T or Comcast and etc, we decided to move to a smaller more local company a company who was about providing services to their local area, growing the local fibre network and committed to providing great customer relations and accessibility.

Our experiences with the larger companies had gotten to the point where we were nickel and dimed for everything, where what we were told the cost would be vs. what our bills were on any given month rarely matched up (hidden fees) AND where prices were raised substantially every year with no added services, plus with every rate increase and every year that went by the customer service became worse and worse.

I am self-employed as is my husband and we are committed to doing our work AND to supporting other local businesses who provide us with a needed service, Sonic is one of those businesses. Local and competitive internet providers are crucial to continuing to build an internet infrastructure that will reach the more rural areas where I live and also to us personally as we're still waiting to get on Sonic's gigabit fibre network. Sonic has provided us with an affordable land line and affordable internet connection with great service and support.

AT&T and US Telecom have their place in this world, and they provide services to millions of people, but we all know they really and truly have their market share and it seems now they want to take back some shares that are being built by other more local networks.

Please deny AT&T and US Telecom's application to take back network elements critical to the growth of businesses like Sonic and to us the end users, who are looking to keep competitive and fair local internet providers alive and growing. We need small businesses who innovate and push boundaries and who ALSO work in the same communities they live in, please choose to keep these small communications companies alive and thriving.

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